

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Further, as recited in claim 3 described below, the present invention configured to have a system for computing an order quantity of parts constituting a product based on a production schedule of the product, comprising: required part quantity computing means for computing a required quantity of the parts based on the production schedule; actual inventory quantity checking means for checking an actual quantity of inventory of the parts; first part order quantity computing means for computing a first part order quantity for a predetermined first period of time based on the computed required quantity of the parts and the checked actual quantity of inventory of the parts; tentative inventory quantity computing means for computing a tentative quantity of inventory of the parts based on a past order record of the parts and a production record of the product; second part order quantity computing means for computing a second part order quantity for a predetermined second period of time, longer than the predetermined first period of time, based on the computed required quantity of the parts and the computed tentative quantity of inventory of the parts; lead time inputting means for inputting a lead time of the parts; part lead time storing means for storing the inputted lead time of the parts; prescribed lead time inputting means for inputting a prescribed lead time to be compared with the inputted lead time of the parts; prescribed lead time storing means for storing the inputted prescribed lead time; selecting means for comparing the inputted lead time with the stored prescribed lead time and for selecting the ~~first~~ second part order quantity computing means when the inputted lead time is greater than the stored prescribed lead time, while for selecting the ~~second~~ first part order quantity computing means for selecting the second part order quantity computing means when the inputted lead time is equal to or less than the stored prescribed; and part ordering means for ordering the parts based on the part order quantity computed by the selected part order quantity computing means.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 28, with the following amended paragraph:

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The parts B unloaded at the parking lot 30 are carried into the temporary storage facility 32 after they are accepted by the orderer and the type and quantity of the parts B have been checked. Computation of the quantity of inventory of the parts B is performed from this acceptance by the orderer, and ownership of the parts B for which acceptance is completed is transferred from the second part manufacturer 40 to the orderer. Specifically, the parts B carried into the ~~line-side 34~~ temporary storage facility 32 become the property of the orderer of the parts.